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In re application of:
Krieger et al.

Serial No. 09/489,293

Filed: January 21, 2000

For: HYDRODYNAMIC SPINDLE MOTOR
USING WELDING SEALING TECHNIQUE

Art Unit: 2834

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LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please find enclosed two (2) sheets of formal drawings, consisting of Figs. 1 and 2 to replace the informal drawings previously filed with the application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee associated with the filing of the enclosed formal drawings (or credit any overpayment thereof) to counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 (Order No. 67845/JAS) (SEA 2797); a duplicate of this transmittal is provided.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 17, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 8 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A spindle motor for use in a disc drive comprising a shaft supporting a thrust plate at one end thereof,
a sleeve surrounding the shaft and adjacent the thrust plate and cooperating with the shaft to define a journal bearing and the thrust plate to define a fluid thrust bearing,
a counterplate welded to said sleeve and located adjacent said thrust plate,
the welded counterplate being adapted to contain fluid within the thrust bearing and the journal bearing.